

Everyone loved Stouffville's Mickey

Young or old, he was everyone's friend. Everyone privileged to know him.

Michael (Mickey) Hunt died Friday in the palliative care unit of Markham Stouffville Hospital.

He was 79.

Mickey, or Mick as he was commonly called, arrived in Stouffville from Toronto in 1956, filling in as a temporary service station operator.

He remained at the station for 25 years.

During this time, his outgoing personality attracted people of all ages.

His Sunoco site, at the corner of Main Street and Winona Drive, was always a hive of activity, particularly for young drivers.

Often, he allowed them to work on their vehicles, using his advice, his tools and his time.

While charitable, Mickey also possessed a keen business sense that made him one of Sun Oil Company's top operators in Ontario.

Achievement awards and certificates line recreation room walls.

Born of a blacksmith's family in the Mt. St. Patrick area of Renfrew Valley, Sept. 28, 1928, Mickey grew up in the small town of Dacre, Ont.

Since his grandfather, father and two uncles were all skilled blacksmiths, he was able to gain considerable knowledge of the trade, spending time in the shop while attending school.

At age 18, Mickey began working in lumber camps.

He later assisted with the construction of a lumber mill at Terrace Bay, near Thunder Bay, and then worked in the mines at Sudbury.

He and wife Kay moved to Toronto in 1950 and then to Stouffville.

After 25 years at Hunt's Sunoco, Mickey was hired by the Town of Markham's parks and recreation department, where he remained for 17 years. There, staff employees affectionately referred to him as 'Gramps'.

Mickey's love for Stouffville was indicated by the enjoyment he received taking part in all aspects of community life.

He sponsored and coached several hockey and softball teams.

His envied 1947 Dodge was a part of many Santa Claus parades. He was a founding member of the Stouffville Kinsmen Club.

The Rupert Park toboggan hill that he envisioned next to the Hunt family home now bears his name.

While business and community activities kept him busy, Mickey always found time for family including his wife of 55 years; sons Chris of Stouffville and Tom of Cambridge; daughters Debbie Logan of Uxbridge;



Roaming Around

with Jim Thomas

Janet Gray of Toronto and Mary Marshall of Stouffville; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Family photographs created a pictorial gallery inside his garage. These were accompanied by a poem that, in retrospect, reflects the entirety of Mickey's life.

It's entitled *The Man in the Glass*. It reads:

*When you get what you want in your struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day,
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself
And see what that man has to say.*

*For it isn't your father or mother or wife
Whose judgment upon you must pass,
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.*

*Some people may think you a straight-shooting chum
And call you a wonderful guy,
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.*

*He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest
For he's with you clear to the end,
And you've passed the most difficult, dangerous test
If the man in the glass is your friend.*

*You can fool the whole world down the pathway of life
And get pats on your back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartache and tears
If you cheat the man in the glass.*

The admiration held for Mickey Hunt was indicated by the hundreds who paid their respects at the O'Neill Funeral Home Sunday and funeral mass Monday at St. Mark's Catholic Church where he served as a member and usher.

He'll be greatly missed. By young and old.

Jim Thomas is a Stouffville resident who has written for area newspapers for more than 50 years.

CREAM OF CARROT SOUP

This is one of, if not the, best-selling soups we make. We start by making our own chicken stock, use local carrots (while they're available) which are nice and sweet, we use cream and it's spiced to perfection.

Serves 3-4.
Reg. \$6.49

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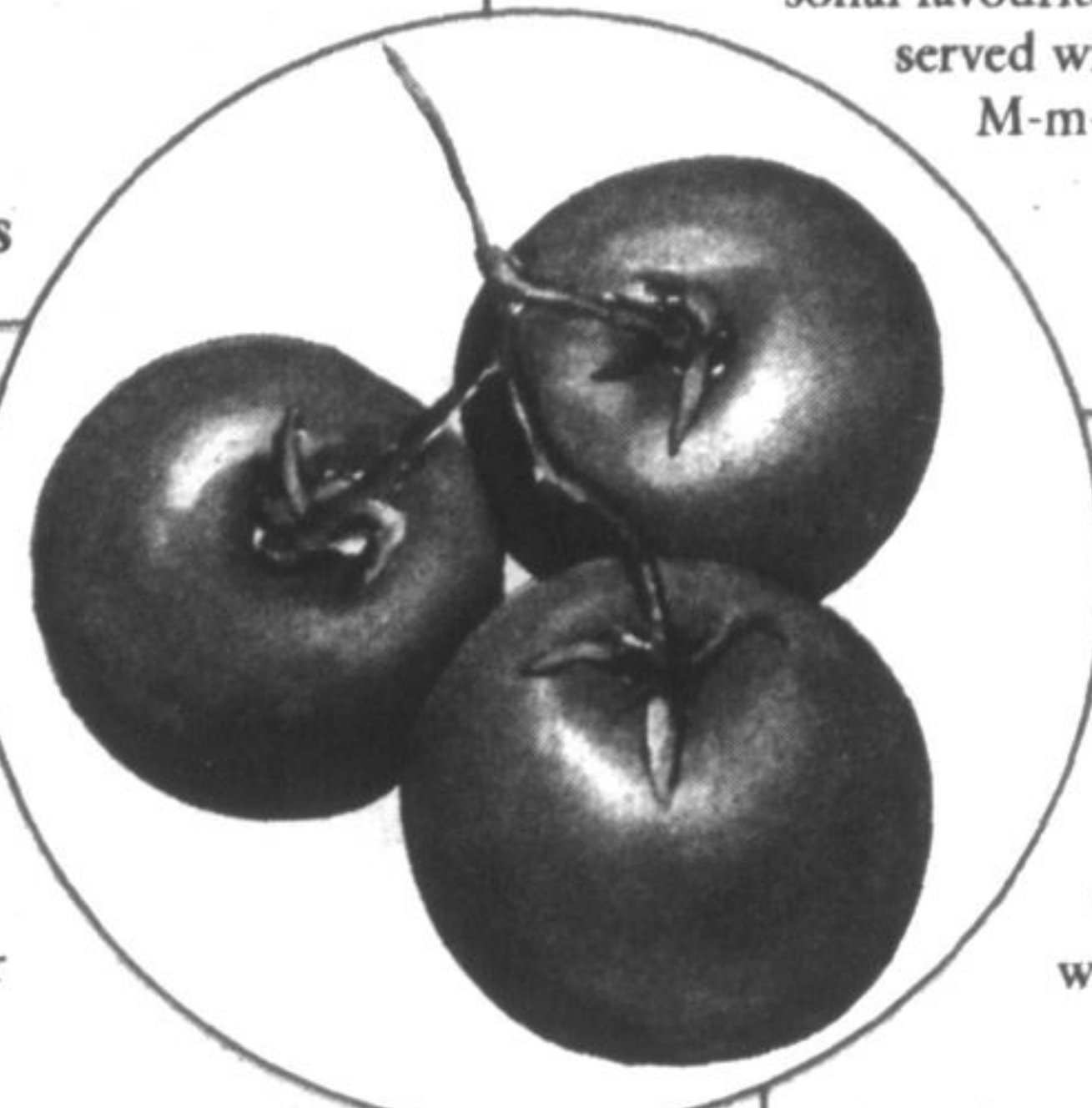
If you like Ontario corn, there's really only one place you can go if you want the best - the Welsh Brothers farm based in Scotland, Ontario. Several years ago, if you remember, there was a horrid season for Ontario corn. Every crop was infested with worms. Only one farm was selling worm-free maize and that was the Welsh Bros., of course!

So if you want the best, we've got it!

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WILD BLUEBERRIES

After the season started off a little rocky with that hail storm that wiped out the crop, these delicious Muskoka-grown treats are finally beginning to come down in price. These little berries certainly pack a flavourful punch. Pick up a pound for your fridge while they're (relatively) cheaper.



CHICKEN PIES

Many folks from the trade come to visit our store to see what we do - and how we do it. Usually they'll ask how we got started in the frozen entrée business. It seems to me that we've done it forever - but when I think back - my grandmother's chicken pies were the first thing (and for the longest time, the only thing) that we made. So as my dad tells me, these delicious pies are the only reason we got started in the business of frozen meals.

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CHICKEN WINGS

I think that this is the second time ever that we are featuring wings. These are from our beauty air-chilled from the farm in Sharon and they are 'sectioned' which means you don't get the bony tip. You get to choose the 'clothespin' or the 'drum' section (while supplies last) and be forewarned, you may need to pick off a small feather before you commit these to the oven. The reason for this is they are 'soft-scalded' meaning the defeathering process is more gentle and misses the odd one. The reward is a better-tasting chicken.

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FARMER'S SAUSAGES

Our Farmers' sausages are made with a touch of our English seasoning and finished with some of our German Bratwurst spice and you'll call them delicious once you try them! If you don't believe that these sausages are good, just ask the farmers wife!

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WHAT'S COOKIN' AT THE DELI ...

This week we've got two truly fantastic meals prepared for you to take home with you. First is our Chicken Cordon Bleu which is a scrumptious breaded chicken breast stuffed with our ham and swiss cheese. We also have one of my personal favourites, the Tomato and Cucumber salad served with dill white wine vinegar dressing. M-m-m-mmm good.

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RAINBOW TROUT FILLETS

We'll have a feature on this week on our Rainbow Trout Fillets which will be available au naturel or with our mustard and dill marinade.

Reg. \$9.95/lb

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WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE?

We have mums like you wouldn't believe! This autumnal flora is a must have for any garden around this time of year. Also in season are cut gladiolus and cut sunflowers at more than reasonable prices. There's nothing like the brilliance of a sunflower to bring a splash of colour to any room.

SMOKED CHICKEN

You know I don't condone smoking. It's a pretty nasty habit, what with those nasty chemicals and the whole addiction thing. But when the Village Grocer smokes it's awesome! (Wow, what a horrible joke on my part!) You automatically know when we're smoking something the whole kitchen is filled with the distinct mouth-watering aroma... it almost makes me wish I ate meat. Get these smoking birds while they're hot.

12⁹⁵ EACH THIS WEEK

WHAT'S BAKING?

This week we're having an amazing shortcake blowout of untold proportions. All our delicious shortcakes have three layers of white cake and fresh whipped cream. We have them in four delectable varieties.

TRADITIONAL STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE garnished with (my personal favourite food in the world) chocolate-dipped strawberries.

RASPBERRY SHORTCAKE filled with our own raspberry mousse and garnished with chocolate drizzle.

LEMON SHORTCAKE adorned with lemon curd and wonderful lemon candies.

Finally, there's our **BLUEBERRY SHORTCAKE** which is filled with fresh Ontario blueberries from our produce.

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large..... \$28.95 ea.

ALSO ON SALE from our bakery are every variety of our delicious oatmeal cookies:

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